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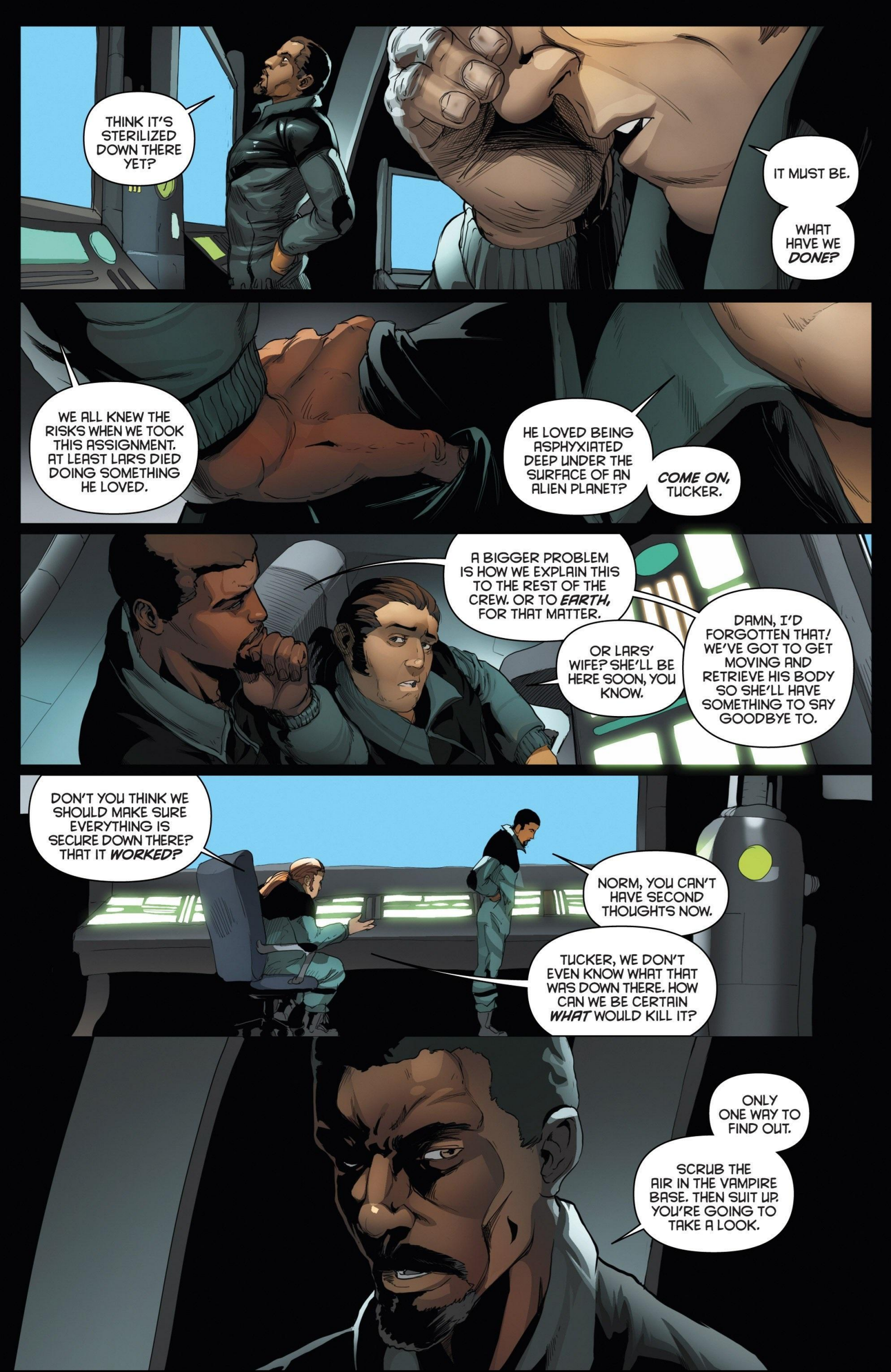
THINK IT'S STERILIZED DOWN THERE YET?
IT MUST BE.
WHAT HAVE WE DONE?
WE ALL KNEW THE RISKS WHEN WE TOOK THIS ASSIGNMENT. AT LEAST LARS DIED DOING SOMETHING HE LOVED.
HE LOVED BEING ASPHYXIATED DEEP UNDER THE SURFACE OF AN ALIEN PLANET?
COME ON, TUCKER.
A BIGGER PROBLEM IS HOW WE EXPLAIN THIS TO THE REST OF THE CREW. OR TO EARTH, FOR THAT MATTER.
OR LARS' WIFE? SHE'LL BE HERE SOON, YOU KNOW.
DAMN, I'D FORGOTTEN THAT! WE'VE GOT TO GET MOVING AND RETRIEVE HIS BODY SO SHE'LL HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY GOODBYE TO.
DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS SECURE DOWN THERE? THAT IT WORKED?
NORM, YOU CAN'T HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS NOW.
TUCKER, WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THAT WAS DOWN THERE. HOW CAN WE BE CERTAIN WHAT WOULD KILL IT?
ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT.
SCRUB THE AIR IN THE VAMPIRE BASE. THEN SUIT UP. YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE A LOOK.

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WHA--
FWOOSH
UFF!

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ALL OF THEM DEAD?
AND YOU LET HER... YOU LET HER BITE YOU?

ARE YOU SURE?
BUT...DID THEY KNOW YOU WERE STILL DOWN THERE WHEN THEY POISONED THE AIR?

TUCKER THINKS HE'S DOING THE RIGHT THING, BUT HE HAS NO IDEA WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH. VAMPIRES AREN'T THE PROBLEM HERE. THIS IS MUCH WORSE.
THESE THINGS DOWN HERE, THEY'RE LETHAL.
AND THEY'RE SMART. IF YOU LAND, THEY WILL FIND A WAY ONTO THE SHIP. YOU'VE GOT TO STAY CLEAR!

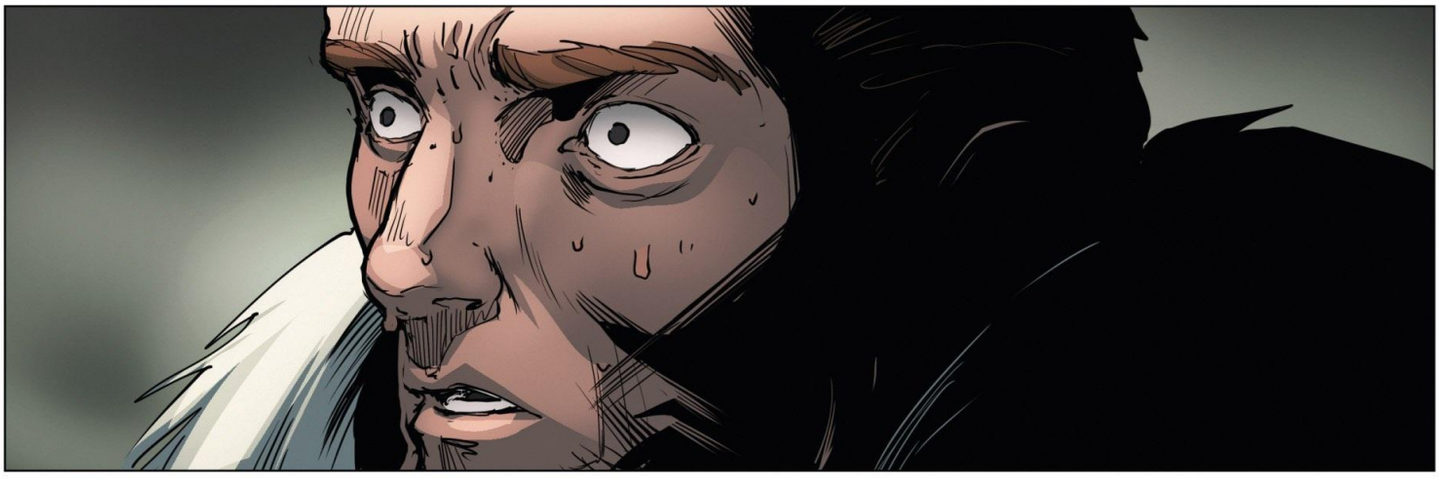
NO, NO, DON'T SAY THAT!
WE'RE NOT LEAVING YOU DOWN THERE! THERE'S GOT TO BE ANOTHER WAY!
NO!

YES, SARAH!
I LOVE YOU. AND I CAN'T STAND THE THOUGHT OF NEVER SEEING YOU AGAIN. BUT DON'T LET THAT SHIP LAND. AND DON'T TRUST ANYTHING TUCKER SAYS!
LARS, WE HAVE TO GO. THEY'RE CLOSING IN. WE NEED TO REACH THAT CATWALK.

HE...HE'S GONE.
THE LINK WAS CUT.

CLIMB FASTER!
THE CATWALK DOES LEAD TO THE ENTRANCE, BUT WHAT THEN?
WE'LL DEAL WITH THAT IF WE GET THERE.
PING
KRRRNK
NO!

AAAAH!
OOF!
VAMPIRELLA?



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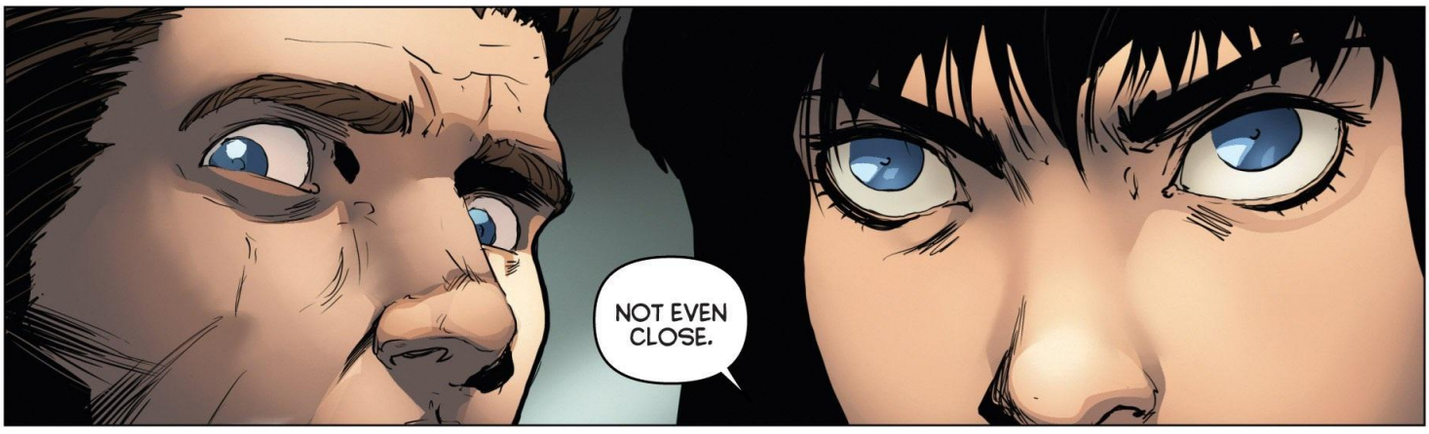
WHERE ARE--
OOF!

I THINK I SEE SOMETHING OVER THERE.
SOMETHING WE CAN USE AGAINST THEM?


NOT EVEN CLOSE.

Um...

LOOK...
I SEE IT.

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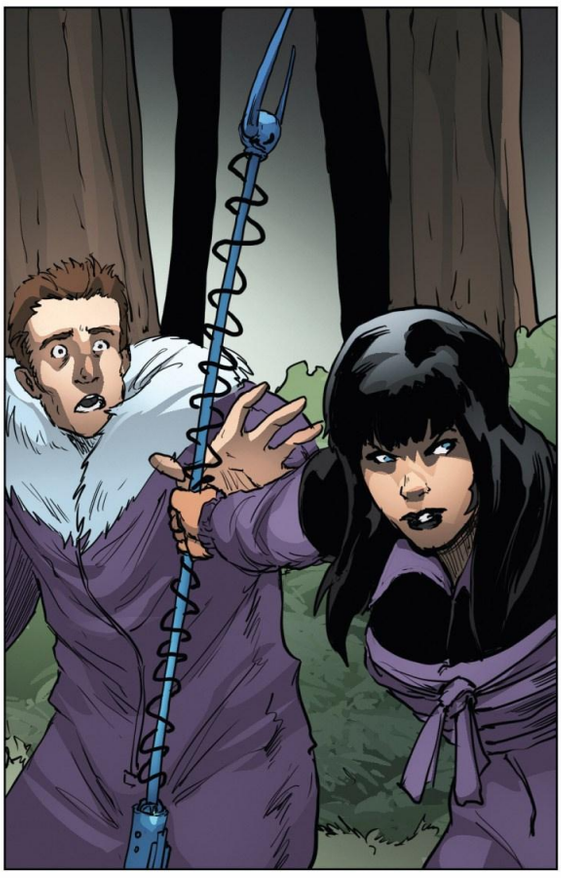

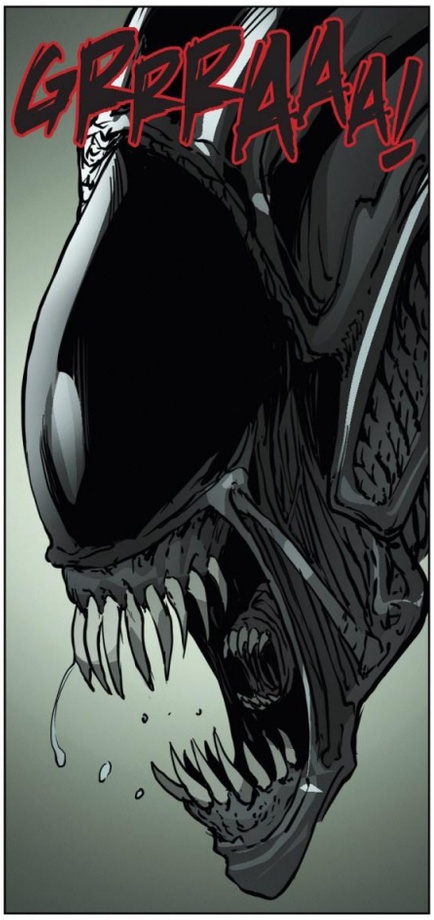

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WE CAN'T GO BACK DOWN THERE!
IS THAT...
GIVE...
GIVE ME...
MUST...HAVE... BLOOD!

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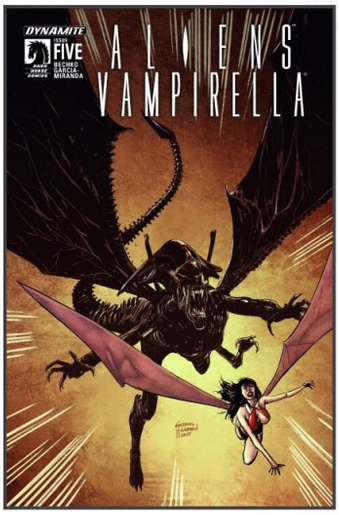

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The death toll mounts, and the fate of the Xenomorph that hatched from within Vampirella stands revealed! Meanwhile, the Martian Base pays the price for its mistrust of Vampirella as she and Lars deal with a horrifying threat that predates human history.

DAVID F. WALKER, THE 2015 GLYPH COMICS AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR, RETURNS TO SHAFT!

This February, critically acclaimed author David F. Walker (DC Comic's *Cyborg*) will continue the legacy of Ernest Tidyman's iconic private detective, John Shaft, in an all-new comic book series, *Shaft: Imitation of Life*, illustrated by Dietrich Smith. The first issue will debut in February 2016 alongside *Shaft's Revenge*, the first Shaft prose novel in 40 years.

Imitation of Life takes place following the events of Walker's 2015 comic book miniseries, *Shaft: A Complicated Man* - a six-part storyline that won a 2015 Glyph Comics Award and was nominated for the Dwayne McDuffie Award for Diversity. After a high-profile case puts him in the headlines, private detective John Shaft searches for something low-profile to keep him out of the spotlight and out of danger… and takes a missing person case that proves to be more difficult than he thought. At the same time, he is hired to be a consultant on a low budget film that may or may not be based on his life, and proves to be as dangerous as any job he's ever had. But when there's danger about, John Shaft won't cop out - even if it means squaring off against sadistic gangsters that want him dead.

"The idea for the new miniseries, *Shaft: Imitation of Life*, is one that's been in my head for a long time, and is something that I'm really excited about," says Walker. "This has been a really fun story to develop."

New series artist Dietrich Smith, whose work previously graced the pages of Dynamite's *Army of Darkness* and *Vampirella*, says, "Of all the great action heroes I watched and imitated as a youngster, Shaft was at the top - a private eye with a chip on his shoulder, an attitude that dared anyone to try him. Having the opportunity to draw the smoothest man alive is something I'm very excited about."

Dynamite advance-solicited the *Shaft's Revenge* prose novel in Diamond Comic Distributors' October Previews catalog, the premiere source of merchandise for the comic book specialty market. *Shaft: Imitation of Life* #1 will be solicited in the upcoming December catalog; both the prose novel and #1 comic book issue correspond to release dates in February 2016. Fans are encouraged to reserve copies of Shaft with their local comic book retailers.

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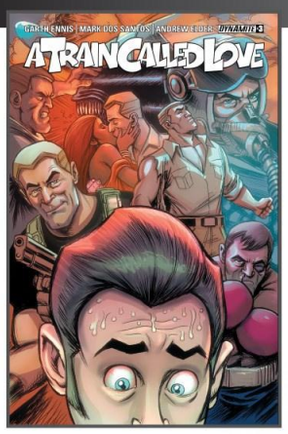

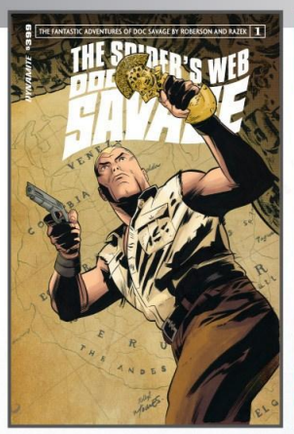

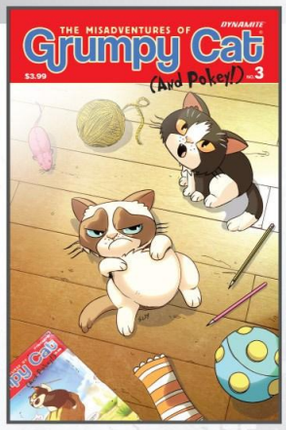

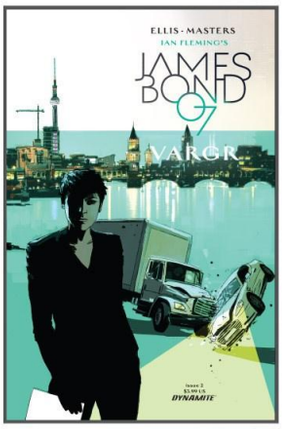

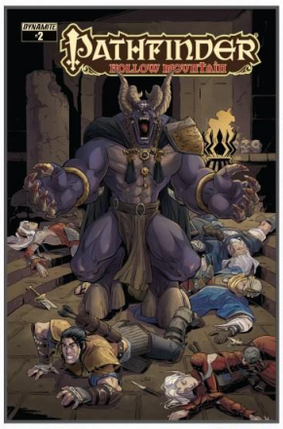

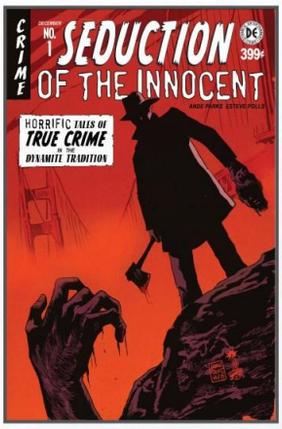

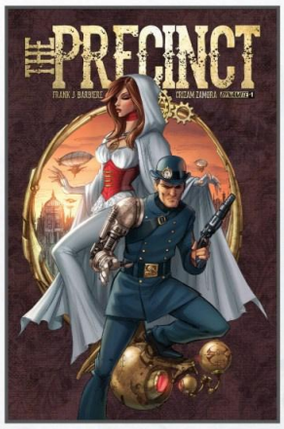

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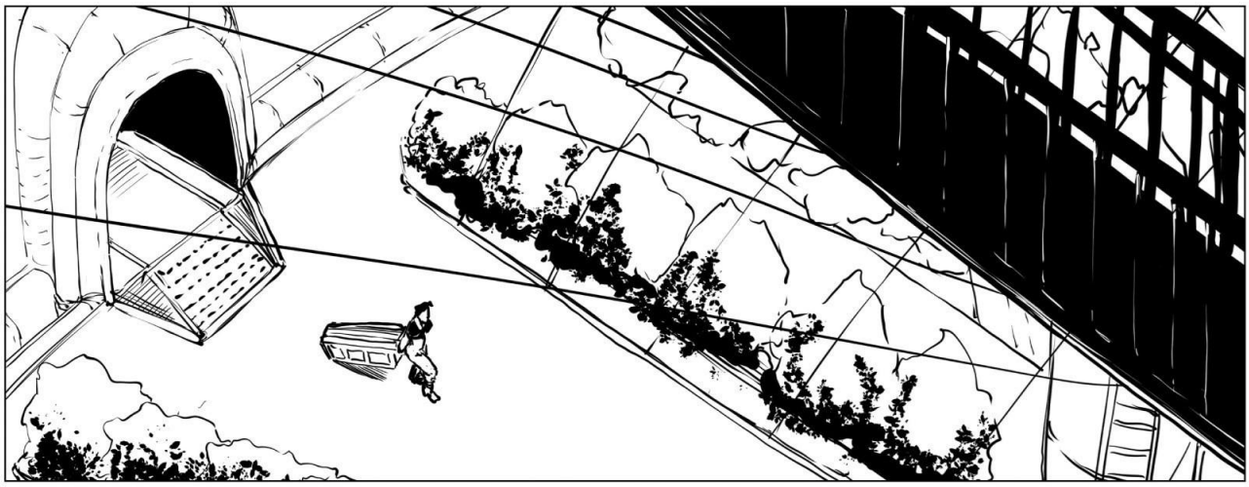

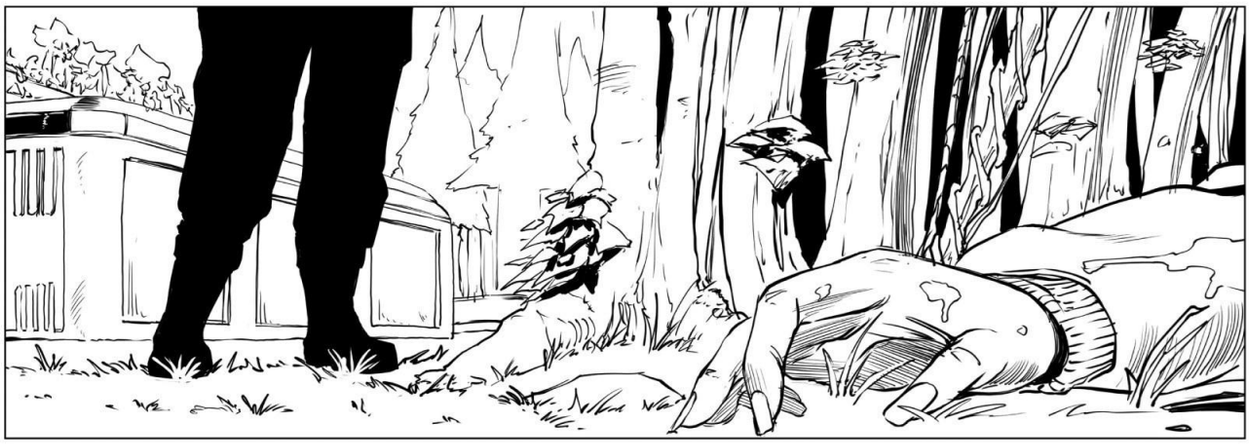

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